

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

10 (New): A staple case that contains a roll staple formed by connecting unformed staples in a roll shape.

11 (New): The staple case according to Claim 10, comprising:
a pull-out opening through which the roll staple is pulled out.

12 (New): The staple case according to Claim 11, wherein the pull-out opening is provided at a vertical center of a front face of the staple case.

13 (New): The staple case according to Claim 10, comprising:
an opening, formed at a part of the staple case facing a circumferential surface of the roll staple, through which a member for rotating the roll staple is brought into contact with the roll staple.

14 (New): The staple case according to Claim 10, comprising:
a cushion portion.

15 (New): The staple case according to Claim 10, comprising:
a portion for positioning in a containing chamber.

16 (New): The staple case according to Claim 10, comprising:
a guide portion for guiding the staple case to a containing chamber.

17 (New): The staple case according to Claim 10, comprising:
a first case half; and
a second case half.

18 (New): The staple case according to Claim 17, further comprising:
a first opening through which the roll staple is pulled out; and
a second opening through which a member for rotating the roll staple is brought into
contact with the roll staple,

wherein the first opening is provided on one of the first case half and the second case
half, and

the second opening is provided on the other of the first case half and the second case half.

19 (New): The staple case according to Claim 17, further comprising:
a weak portion on a joint between the first case half and second case half.

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20 (New): The staple case according to Claim 10, comprising:

a mark indicating a direction in which the staple case is inserted into a stapler on the side face of the staple case;

an upper face; and

a bottom face having a different shape to the upper face.

21 (New): The staple case according to Claim 10, comprising:

a mark indicating a direction in which the staple case is inserted into a stapler on the side face of the staple case;

a front face; and

a back face having a different shape to the front face.

22 (New): A staple case containing sheet staple comprising:

a cushion.

23 (New): The staple case according to claim 22, wherein the cushion comprises a cushion portion protruding from a corner of the staple case.

24 (New): The staple case according to claim 22, further comprising:

a first case half; and

a second case half.

25. The staple case according to claim 24, wherein the cushion comprises a cushion portion formed on flanges of the first and second case halves.

26. The staple case according to claim 22, further comprising:
an opening to which a member for pushing the sheet staple is inserted.

27. The staple case according to claim 22, further comprising:
a pull-out opening through which the sheet staple is pulled out.